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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO SPAIN

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SUMMARY: FRENCH PRESS HAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT SAINT SEBASTIAN FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO. REPORTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED COMMENTS ON SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPE AND BROADER QUESTION OF EUROPEAN UNION. PARTICULARLY STRIKING IS REEMPHASIS OF GAULLIST THEME THAT EUROPE IS AN AGGREGATION

OF COMMUNITIES OF INTERESTS AND MODES OF LIFE, RATHER THAN ORGANIC ENTITY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 28 AT SAINT SEBASTIAN, JOBERT COMMENTED ON SUBJECT OF SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. HE STATED THAT FRANCE HOPED SPAIN WOULD ENTER COMMON MARKET AND "THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. JOBERT NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN CONSISTENT POLICY OF PRESIDENTS DE GAULLE AND POMPIDOU. IN BRUSSELS IN OCTOBER THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSION OF CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SPAIN COULD BENEFIT FROM A PREFERENTIAL

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SYSTEM WITH THE COMMUNITY. ECONOMIC EVOLUTION OF WORLD AND OF

EUROP, HE ADDED, IS RAPID AND SPAIN WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN EUROPE MUCH SOONER THAN IS CURRENTLY EXPECTED. SPAIN, HE SAID, IS WORLD'S TENTH INDUSTRIAL POWER AND SIXTH MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN EUROPE ON BASIS OF GNP.

2. COMMENTING ON NATURE OF EUROPE, JOBERT ADDED THAT COHESION OF EUROPE WAS NOT ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL, BUT A COHESION OF WAYS OF LIFE AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. IT WAS NOT EASY TO FORESEE FUTURE OF EUROPE, SINCE IT IS SOMETHING NEW, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS OF CREATING EUROPE: THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS, A CENTRAL PARLIAMENT, A MORE SUBTLE SYSTEM OF DIRECT UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND CHIEFS OF STATE, OR EVEN THROUGH CONFEDERATION.

3. JOBERT NOTED THAT HE AND HIS SPANISH OPPOSITE NUMBER HAD DISCUSSED WAYS OF IMPROVING ARMS AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY FROM INDUSTRIAL PERSPECTIVE. HE NOTED THAT AGREEMENTS NOW REPRESENT ABOUT 450 MILLION PESETAS.

4. AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH PRESS HAS REPORTED WERE DISCUSSED WERE ACCELERATION OF AUTOROUTE CONSTRUCTION, FRENCH SECAM TELEVISION SYSTEM AND TRADE QUESTIONS (FRANCE BEING SPAIN'S THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER). JOBERT ALSO NOTED THAT LOPEZ RODO HAD RAISED QUESTION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS AND THAT HE HAD RESPONDED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD REMEMBER WHAT HAD BEEN SAID ON ALL SIDES. JOBERT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SETTLEMENT OF GIBRALTAR ISSUE WOULD BE FOUND THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF "TWO" SOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY UNITED NATIONS.

5. IN ADDITION TO VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PRESS CONFERENCE, LE MONDE CITING FRENCH SOURCES, STATES THAT TWO MINISTERS DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR 1974 IN LIGHT OF NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS WHICH THESE AGREEMENTS MIGHT HAVE FOR WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND FOR PRESENT CONDITIONS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE.

6. COMMENT: WE ARE STRUCK IN READING JOBERT'S REMARKS BY DEGREE TO WHICH HE SEEMS TO HAVE REAFFIRMED GAULLIST VIEW THAT EUROPE IS AGGREGATE OF DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND NOT ORGANIC ENTITY IN ITSELF. POSITIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT ADMISSION OF SPAIN TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EUROPE ARE PRESUMABLE WELCOME IN MADRID, THROUGH AS FRENCH PRESS FREQUENTLY OBSERVED, IT MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE SOMEWHAT LESS WELCOME TO OTHER EUROPEANS WHO OPPOSE SPANISH ADMISSION AS LONG AS AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES IN MADRID. DECONTROL 12/31/74.  
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